



MEDIA RELEASE

**City of Santa Barbara 2013 Design Awards
to be presented by City Council, Architectural Board of Review & Historic Landmarks
Commission on February 12**

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Tomorrow's awards ceremony at the Mayor and City Council hearing at 2:00 PM, De La Guerra Plaza, will include a brief presentation of design awards in three categories to award recipients. The presentation will include photographs of the award-winning building and landscape improvements. Since 1986, the City's Historic Landmarks Commission (HLC) and the Architectural Board of Review (ABR) have jointly selected buildings, landscape features, and people to receive design awards.

2013 City of Santa Barbara Design Awards List

Saint Barbara Award: individual who has given outstanding service to enhance and preserve the built environment.

Kellam de Forest - civic activist, historic preservation advocate.

George Washington Smith Award: exemplary design in architecture.

2100 Laguna Street - residential addition designed by ***Mark Shields of DesignARC***, completed 2009.

Lockwood de Forest Award: exemplary design in landscape architecture and non-habitable structures.

Historical Society Museum -136 E. De La Guerra St., landscaping designed by ***Martha Degasis of Arcadia Studio***, completed 2009.

The design awards to be presented are clay Saltillo tile plaques that have bronze inlay and are enhanced with handcrafted calligraphy lettering by local artist, Leslee Sipress.

The award program objectives are:

- Public awareness of the rich architectural heritage of Santa Barbara;
- Public awareness of the valuable contributions made by the ABR and the HLC in preserving that heritage as reflected in renovation and new construction;
- Recognition of community members that contribute to preserve Santa Barbara; and
- Recognition of architects and designers for excellence in their professions.

Santa Barbara has a long tradition of ensuring high quality design while also preserving its architectural heritage. In addition, the City's beauty is significantly enhanced when generous landscaping is provided as a key component of a project's design. The design awards program is an important way for the community to honor those who make extra effort to carry forward that tradition.

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